

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

October 20, 2021 – 2:00pm – Council Chambers -1st Floor

Committee Members Present:

John Anshus (Absent)

Cindy Gilberts (2.0 hrs)

Joe Jax (Chair) (2.5 hrs)

Bob Giede (2 hrs)

Dennis Kropp (16.0 hrs)

Mike Schendel (Absent)

Mike Smith (2.0 hrs)

Eric Sutherland (2.0 hrs) attended via ZOOM

Others present: Dick Henning, Megen Hines, Tammy Eckert

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Jax. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room and volunteer hours were noted. Minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed. A motion was made by Dennis Kropp, and seconded by Bob Giede to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Memoriam: Urban Forestry Board Member Nancy Scholfield passed away. A bench with a plaque and a tree were discussed to be placed in Wilson Park or at the Library in Nancy's memory. Nancy was a Charter Member.

Expenditures for the balance of the 2021 Urban Forestry Budget: The Board discussed using the balance of the 2021 budget for stump grinding and a memorial for Nancy Scholfield.

LCIP Project by Galloway Creek: Megan Hines reports that more progress has been made at the Galloway Creek Restoration Project. With the help of community volunteers and the City, invasive species continue to be cleared on City property North East of the High School. The goal is to clear the area which will allow citizens a pretty view of nature with a path for residents to enjoy. Pictures of the work taking place can be viewed on the City Facebook page at the following link. <https://www.facebook.com/CityofMenomonie> .

Items to add to the Agenda: None

Urban Forester Report:

- Canopy Inventory is still a work in progress.
- One half of the trees for planting have been marked and waiting on diggers hotline locates to be completed.
- Plans are to plant 80 trees next week, contingent upon work staff, it could be completed in two to three days.
- Talk to Olson Funeral Home regarding replanting new trees after construction is now completed.
- To resume planting Wilson Avenue boxes depending on soil conditions.
- Work on treating trees for this year has ended. Trees have lost their leaves and the tree does not move the treatment completely thru its system enough to continue until next year.

City Council Report: Eric Sutherland reports...

- Eric reports that he is overseeing the Urban Forestry Budget of \$14,000.00 requested for 2022 year; it will be presented to the board and he doesn't anticipate any reasons that it would not be approved.

Items for Next Meeting Agenda:

1. 2021 Urban Forestry Budget Update
2. Nancy Scholfield's Memoriam.
3. Galloway Creek Project Progress.
4. Filling the open Urban Forestry Board position. Suggestions.

Next Meeting: Nov. 17th 2021 at 2 P. M. at Council Chambers – 1st Floor.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dennis Kropp to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Bob Giede.

Minutes submitted by: Tammy Eckert